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WEOBLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire  
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Joint

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1963  
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(As at 31st December 1963)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting  
my Annual Report for the year 1963, together with the  
report of the Public Health Inspector.

I am particularly pleased to  
note that for the second successive year there have been  
no notifications of dysentery or tuberculosis.

I would like to thank  
Mr. Morley for his help in the past year, and for his  
report which contains a great deal of interesting and  
informative material; I am glad to see that grants have  
now been made to improve 10% of the houses in the district.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .	5,550
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	.11
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	1,773
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	.03
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	3.1
Rateable Value .. .. .	£89,206
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£363.7.1d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	45	39	84
Illegitimate	3	6	9
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	48	45	93
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.17	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	16.8	16.1	15.9	16.8	18.6
" " (Adjusted)	19.7	20.4	16.7	17.6	19.5
England and Wales	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5

Illegitimate Live Births

per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D. ..	9.7
England and Wales ..	6.9

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Weobley R.D.	20.5	22.0	Nil	18.5	38.7
England and Wales	17.2	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—



## Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	*

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1

## Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	21.5
England and Wales	..	14.2

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

## Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	20.5
England and Wales	..	29.3

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1

## Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Weobley R.D.	(Total	32.3	11.2	Nil	28.3	16.1
	(Legitimate	23.8	11.8	Nil	30.0	16.9
	(Illegitimate	11.1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.1	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.2
	(Legitimate	*	21.3	21.2	21.5	21.9
	(Illegitimate	*	27.2	25.3	26.4	27.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

## Maternal Mortality Death Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	*

\* figures not yet available

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	35	25	60
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
Comparability factor: 0.98	1963	1962	1961 1960 1959
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	10.8	10.1	11.5 10.0 10.7
" " (Adjusted)	10.6	7.7	11.0 9.6 10.3
England and Wales	12.2	11.9	11.9 11.5 11.6

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	8	5	13
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
	1963	1962	1961 1960 1959
Weobley R.D.	2.35	2.17	2.35 1.59 1.05
England and Wales	2.17	2.18	2.15 2.16 2.14

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	16	16	32
Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
	1963	1962	1961 1960 1959
Weobley R.D.	5.77	5.97	5.40 5.24 6.15
England and Wales	5.22	6.14	6.10 6.00 5.88

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	5	2	7
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
	1963	1962	1961 1960 1959
Weobley R.D.	1.26	0.90	1.62 1.43 1.20
England and Wales	1.71	1.57	1.60 1.26 1.53

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	—	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	2	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	6	12
Coronary disease, angina	5	5	10
Hypertension with heart disease	—	2	2
Other heart disease	1	3	4
Other circulatory disease	4	—	4
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis	3	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	1	1
Congenital malformations	—	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	—	3
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	1	—	1
TOTAL:	35	25	60



NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEWeobley Rural District

Disease	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Whooping Cough	-	-	22	18	13
Measles	56	13	84	6	85
Scarlet Fever	-	1	4	10	6
Erysipelas	-	1	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	6	7	9	12	8
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	1	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	3	43	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	1	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	-	-	3	4
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	1	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	29	13	126	70	38
Measles	507	337	583	189	388
Scarlet Fever	12	9	11	23	46
Erysipelas	3	5	3	4	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	2	1	3	-
Post-Infectious	1	2	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	13	15	18	18	33
Dysentery	7	1	62	123	3
Food Poisoning	7	5	11	39	3
Paratyphoid Fever	2	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	9	7	13
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	2	3	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	1	-	-	-

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1963

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	5	-	6	6	4	2	2	1	3	-	29
Measles	18	17	122	94	27	74	72	49	15	2	2	15	507
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	12
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	13
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	7
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	2	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1



COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.79	0.74
Measles	13.92	12.76
Scarlet Fever	0.33	0.37
Erysipelas	0.08	0.03
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.003
Post-Infectious	0.03	0.004
Acute Pneumonia	0.35	0.30
Dysentery	0.19	0.67
Food Poisoning	0.19	0.12
Paratyphoid Fever	0.05	0.007
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.35
Non-Pulmonary	0.03	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.65	7.44

\* per 1,000 total live and still births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962	24	12	7	6
Moved into district	1	—	—	—
Left district	1	—	—	—
Recovered	3	—	—	—
Died	1	—	—	—
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963	20	12	7	6

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1959	5	69	1	4
1960	4	54	1	5
1961	1	49	1	1
1962	-	49	-	1
1963	-	45	1	3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1946, Section 47  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTPHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The rural district comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres and is situated in the north-western portion of the county.

There are no exceptionally large villages within the district, but each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

Agriculture is the major industry but on account of mechanisation and rationalisation within the industry the number of persons finding employment in farming is gradually declining.

On the other hand the tendency for people employed in Hereford and Leominster to reside in the rural district still continues and is regarded as beneficial to the area in all respects.

WATER SUPPLIES(a) Regional and Village Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board mains supply the greater portion of the larger villages.

Schemes on the point of commencement will in due course convey piped water to the parishes of Almeley, Kinnersley, Letton, Preston-on-Wye, Moccas and Blakemere.

The introduction of piped water supplies in these areas will eliminate water shortages mentioned in previous reports.

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)Water supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses  
(including farm houses)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Almeley	21	63
Birley	4	12
Bishopstone	41	123
Bridge Sollers	4	12
Byford	18	54
Canon Pyon	26	78
Dilwyn	77	231
Eardisland	31	93
Kings Pyon	35	105
Mansel Lacy	28	84
Monnington-on-Wye	2	6
Norton Canon	37	111
Sarnesfield	1	3
Staunton-on-Wye	54	162
Stretford	1	3
Weobley	186	558
Yazor	15	45

Water supplied from Private Mains

Bridge Sollers	2	6
Canon Pyon	2	6
Wormesley	8	24
Yazor	15	45

Water supplied from Public Mains by means of Standpipes

Weobley	7	21
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The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 58 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, as follows:

	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public supplies (chlorinated)	19	2	21
Council Houses: Almeley	2	1	3
Other supplies (wells, springs, and private supplies)	10	24	34
	31	27	58

Where samples proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.



DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The existing Weobley Sewage Disposal Works continues to function satisfactorily and is capable of dealing with the immediately foreseeable new housing demands.

The revised proposals for Dilwyn was the subject of a Local Investigation by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government during September and the introduction of sewers in this village seems likely to stimulate new housing development in the vicinity of the proposed sewerage system.

Proposals for sewerage New End, Canon Pyon, have been completed and submitted to the Ministry and it seems likely that this scheme will be completed during 1964.

Preliminary works in connection with proposed sewage disposal arrangements for Staunton-on-Wye were started.

Number of houses connected to Public Sewers: .. 181

Number of houses connected to satisfactory  
Private Disposal Works .. .. 527 (est)

Number of houses using chemical, pail or  
earth closets with satisfactory disposal .. Not known

Number of houses without satisfactory means  
of disposal .. .. Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of household refuse on a three weekly basis has been maintained throughout the year, but the volume of household refuse now being placed out for collection indicates that the Council might well give further consideration towards the implementation of a fortnightly collection service. In this regard most neighbouring authorities have already made arrangements in their districts for at least a fortnightly collection.

The refuse disposal site at Dilwyn is still in service, although it will be necessary before long to tip elsewhere and this problem is receiving attention. The Council has also been advised of the existence of other methods of disposing of household refuse because in the not too distant future the indications are that tipping sites in their present form will be unobtainable.

Grateful thanks are again due to Mr. Hall of Bidney and to Sir Richard Verdin for their kind assistance in placing the Bidney tip at the Council's disposal.

Throughout the year the refuse vehicle travelled 5,792 miles on the various rounds. The estimated average mileage per gallon of fuel being 6.4.

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite. Formalin gas or Sulphur Dioxide being employed where appropriate.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the district and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the district is as follows:

	FACTORIES		Total	Other Premises
	Mechanical Power			
	With	Without		
Almeley	3	—	3	1
Blakemere	2	—	2	—
Byford	—	—	—	—
Canon Pyon	3	—	3	1
Dilwyn	1	—	1	1
Eardisland	1	—	1	1
Moccas	1	—	1	—
Norton Canon	—	—	—	1
Preston-on-Wye	—	—	—	1
Weobley	7	—	7	2
	18	—	18	8

The 'Other Premises' described in the above list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949Rodent Control

The survey of the district under Section 2 of the Act is again being undertaken by Contract, also all Council properties are being treated as necessary from time to time.



RODENT CONTROL - SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1963

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	All Other	TOTAL
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district	12	1622	383	132	2149
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1963 as a result of notification	-	2	-	1	3
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1963 as a result of survey	12	418	107	29	566
Total number of visits made during 1963	177	420	107	30	734
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with rats					
(a) Major	1	-	-	-	1
(b) Minor	3	-	-	-	3
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with mice					
(a) Major	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Minor	-	5	2	-	7
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	4	-	-	-	4
Number of Notices served under Section 4 (Treatment)	-	-	-	-	-
(Structural works)	-	-	-	-	-
(i.e. proofing)					
Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following the issue of a notice under Section 4	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-

'Block' schemes

NIL

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices complied with
Building inspections and new buildings	366	4	-	4
Building Plans	148	-	-	-
Building Byelaws	19	7	-	7
Civil Defence Course	1	-	-	-
Council Housing Schemes	136	-	-	-
Council House Management and Maintenance	599	-	-	-
Council House Tenancy Investigations	25	-	-	-
Drainage	6	-	-	-
Disinfestations	4	-	-	-
Discretionary Improvement Grants	56	-	-	-
Factories Act	1	-	-	-
Food Premises	9	-	-	-
Food Poisoning Enquiries	4	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	55	2	-	2
Housing (F.P.) Act	20	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	68	-	-	-
Milk samples	37	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	112	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	25	-	-	-
Nuisances	34	5	-	5
Planning duties	8	-	-	-
Petroleum Inspections	21	-	-	-
Public Offices	12	-	-	-



SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR  
(Continued)

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices complied with
Public Health Act, 1936	1	-	-	-
Refuse Collection & Disposal	81	2	-	2
Rodent Control	10	7	-	7
Slaughterhouses	5	-	-	<del>5</del>
Sewage Disposal	239	-	-	-
Standard Improvement Grants	71	-	-	-
Unsound Food	3	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	15	-	-	-
Water Samples	52	-	-	-
Water Supplies	80	20	-	20
	2,323	47	-	47

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958, AND HOUSE  
PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The Council first implemented the improvement grant scheme in 1952, since then 112 proposals have been approved, three of which later being withdrawn by the applicants. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to about 5.2% of all the houses within the area.

Five schemes were approved by the Council during the year, five were completed and grants paid.

Circular 29/62 asks local authorities not to be pernickety in considering improvement schemes, but it has not generally proved of great assistance in practice, the old practice notes would, generally speaking, be preferable.

Standard Improvement Schemes

The standard improvement grant scheme has been well received, and during the year 25 applications were made, 25 were approved, with 20 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959 some 101 proposals, amounting to about 4.7% of all the houses within the area have been approved, two of which being later withdrawn by the applicants.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Towards the end of the year a contract was negotiated for the erection of 14 houses and 6 bungalows at Canon Pyon, progress was made towards the development of other schemes at Staunton-on-Wye, Bishopstone, Norton Canon, Kings Pyon, Preston-on-Wye and Moccas.

Excluding Canon Pyon the Council has in course of preparation schemes which will eventually provide for the erection of a further 39 houses and 4 bungalows.

A summary of Council Housing Schemes is as follows:

	Comp- leted	Year	Under cons- truction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8 2 11	1951 1955 1956	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
Bishopstone	2	1945	—	—	13	1961
Canon Pyon	2	1945	14 houses 6 bungs.	1963 1963	— —	— —
Dilwyn	12 4	1953 1955	— —	— —	— —	— —
Eardisland	4 15	1954 1955	— —	— —	— —	— —
Kings Pyon	—	—	—	—	6	1963
Norton Canon	2	1944	—	—	6	1962
Moccas	—	—	—	—	6	1962
Preston-on-Wye	—	—	—	—	6	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	—	—	—	—	13	1962
Weobley	14 10 22 9	1949 1955 1956 1957	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —
(Conversions)	1 2 5 3	1948 1952 1952 1958	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —
Bungalows	6 6 20	1961 1961 1962	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
	160		20		50	



PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

28 new private dwellings were completed during the year and the construction of a further 16 was started.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

In September the Council appointed Mr. S.J. Bullock as Assistant Building Surveyor, to undertake chiefly supervisory work in connection with Council Housing and Sewerage Schemes and to assist as necessary with other duties.

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 209 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:

Plans and particulars relating to:

Private garages	.. .. .	21
Alterations, additions & improvements	..	60
Drainage systems	.. .. .	5
Advertisement signs	.. .. .	3
Private houses	.. .. .	33
Overhead lines for M.E.B.	.. .. .	7
Petrol filling station & pumps	.. .. .	2
Accesses	.. .. .	8
Site for private dwellings	.. .. .	40
Farm buildings	.. .. .	7
Site for moveable dwellings	.. .. .	3
Change of use of buildings	.. .. .	6
Council housing schemes	.. .. .	1
Village sewage disposal schemes	.. .. .	1
Broiler houses	.. .. .	2
Construction of blood container	.. .. .	1
Verandahs, porches, etc.	.. .. .	4
Store sheds and greenhouses	.. .. .	5

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 49,190 gallons.

There are 11 petrol filling stations and 40 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKER'S QUARTERS

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers .. 2



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

Six inspections of food premises have been made in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations. Inspections in the course of other duties have been undertaken from time to time.

School Milk

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Thirty samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, one less than during 1962.

Slaughterhouses and Butcher's Shops

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. Both establishments have been recently improved.

During the year 116 Beasts, 1 Calf, 175 Sheep, 165 Lambs and 147 Pigs were slaughtered at the two establishments, and after inspection the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:

8 Bovine livers, 21 Sheep livers, 8 Pigs' livers,  
2 Pigs' heads, and one Lamb carcase.

By comparison with 1962, slightly less animals were slaughtered in the area - 8% less.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained, although as in previous years, this has frequently meant the working of extra time, outside normal working hours.

The Manufacture and Sale of Ice-Cream

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in the area, all ice-cream sold is obtained in pre-packed wrappers from reputable manufacturers and stored in refrigerator containers prior to sale.

No further premises were registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Sec.16. There is now a total of 28 registered premises.

No samples were submitted for laboratory examination.

Food Premises

The list of food premises within the area is as follows:

Butcher's shops ..	3	Inns & Hotels ..	21	Snack Bars ..	1
Grocer's shops ..	23	School Canteens ..	2	Cafes ..	1

There are also a number of smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets, chiefly in pre-packed wrappers.



